The occupations were that of a pilot, architect and retired person, while the ages of the individuals ranged from 25 to 60 years of age.

As stated earlier a \$1000 tax credit for an older individual is simply not enough. There is no way that such a working poor individual can come close to affording private, individual health insurance, without having to decide whether to forgo basic needs.

The \$2,000 tax credit that this bill is proposing for families is even more unrealistic.

In not one instance does this credit eliminate the problem of cost. The lowest rate for a family with two children is \$205 per month, while the tax credit offers only \$167 per month leaving a gap of about \$38 per month.

What also becomes very apparent is the fact that as one gets older the premium rates are rising. Therefore, a single 25 year old male can expect to spend about \$100 a month on health insurance, whereas a 60 year old

man can expect to pay about \$250 a month or \$3000 a year for his insurance! Once again how can a tax credit of only \$1000 provide any relief for the near poor?

### MEDICAL INSURANCE RATES

The following medical insurance rates are based upon: \$250 plus nearest deductible. After deductible, policy pays 80% or better.

The lowest rates available:

| Age                        | Architect male<br>single (month/<br>yearly)                    | Pilot female<br>single (month/<br>yearly)                         | Architect male<br>couple<br>(monthly/year-<br>ly)                | Pilot female<br>couple w/2<br>kids (month/<br>yearly)             | Retired male<br>non-smoker<br>(month/yearly)                   | Retired male<br>smoker<br>(month/yearly)                          |
|----------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA          |  |   |  |   |  |   |
| 25                         | \$79/\$948<br>100/1,200<br>139/1,668<br>222/2,664<br>270/3,240 | \$174/\$2,088<br>224/2,688<br>294/3,528<br>422/5,064<br>489/5,868 | \$95/\$1,140<br>140/1,680<br>174/2,088<br>219/2,628<br>242/2,904 | \$280/\$3,360<br>330/3,960<br>400/4,800<br>528/6,336<br>595/7,140 | \$79/\$948<br>100/1,200<br>139/1,668<br>175/2,100<br>270/3,240 | \$102/\$1,224<br>136/1,632<br>195/2,340<br>310/3,720<br>378/4,536 |
| LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA    |  |   |  |   |  |   |
| 25<br>35<br>45<br>55<br>60 | 82/1,032<br>107/1,284<br>131/1,572<br>161/1,932<br>182/2,184   | 174/2,088<br>204/2,448<br>255/3,060<br>299/3,588<br>338/4,056     | 86/1,104<br>107/1,284<br>131/1,572<br>161/1,932<br>182/2,184     | 269/3,228<br>335/4,020<br>384/4,608<br>416/4,992<br>437/5,244     | 86/1,104<br>107/1,284<br>131/1,572<br>161/1,932<br>182/2,184   | 86/1,104<br>107/1,284<br>131/1,572<br>161/1,932<br>182/2,184      |
| COLFAX, NEBRASKA           |  |   |  |   |  |   |
| 25<br>35<br>45<br>55<br>60 | 68/816<br>95/1,140<br>140/1,680<br>211/2,532<br>273/3,276      | 137/1,644<br>177/2,124<br>243/2,916<br>346/4,152<br>452/5,424     | 91/1,092<br>118/1,416<br>150/1,800<br>196/2,352<br>251/3,012     | 205/2,460<br>251/3,012<br>317/3,804<br>427/5,124<br>569/6,828     | 68/816<br>95/1,140<br>142/1,704<br>223/2,676<br>273/3,276      | 78/936<br>104/1,248<br>156/1,872<br>249/2,988<br>313/3,756        |
| ALACHUA, FLORIDA           |  |   |  |   |  |   |
| 25<br>35<br>45<br>55<br>60 | 97/1,164<br>130/1,560<br>192/2,304<br>307/3,684<br>381/4,572   | 207/2,484<br>276/3,312<br>390/4,680<br>597/7,164<br>697/8,364     | 130/1,560<br>162/1,944<br>214/2,568<br>299/3,588<br>346/4,152    | 331/3,972<br>408/4,896<br>521/6,252<br>701/8,412<br>829/9,948     | 97/1,164<br>130/1,560<br>192/2,304<br>307/3,684<br>381/4,572   | 105/1,260<br>131/1,572<br>192/2,304<br>307/3,684<br>388/4,656     |

### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest-designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

# MEETINGS SCHEDULED

### MARCH 10

9 a.m.

**Energy and Natural Resources** 

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 1892, to authorize the acquisition of the Valles Caldera, to provide for an effective land and wildlife management program for this resource within the Department of Agriculture.

SD-366

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on the Service's infrastrutre accounts and Real Property Maintenance Programs and the National Defense Construction Request.

SR-232A

# MARCH 15

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

345 Cannon Building

### MARCH 21

9:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings on regulating Internet pharmacies.

SD-430

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine issues dealing with Alzheimers Disease. SH-216

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Federal Communications Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commis-

Environment and Public Works

Transportation and Infrastructure Sub-

To hold hearings on General Services Association's fiscal year 2001 Capital Investment and Leasing Program, including the courthouse construction pro-

SD-406

Appropriations

Legislative Branch Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Secretary of the Senate, and the Sergeant at Arms.

SD-116

10:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 2102, to provide to the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe a permanent land base within its aboriginal homeland.

2 p.m. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Housing and Transportation Subcommittee To hold oversight hearings on HUD's Public Housing Assesment System (PHAS).

SD-628

### MARCH 22

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings on the nomination of Susan Ness, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications

Commission. SR-253

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on the nomination of Thomas N. Slonaker, of Arizona, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

SR-485

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Retired Officers Association, American Ex-Prisoners of War, AMVETS, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.

345 Cannon Building

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings on Department of Energy's management of health and safety issues surrounding the DOE's gaseous diffusion plants at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Piketon, Ohio. SD-342

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine recent program and management issues at NASA. SR-253

Energy and Natural Resources

Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold hearings on H.R. 862, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the provisions of the Agreement conveying title to a Distribution

System from the United States to the Clear Creek Community Services District; H.R. 992, to convey the Sly Park Dam and Reservoir to the El Dorado Irrigation District; H.R. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the Solano County Water Agency, California, to use Solano Project facilities for impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; S. 2091, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project; H.R. 3077, to amend the Act that authorized construction of the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project, California, to facilitate water transfers in the Central Valley Project; S. 1659, to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the appurtenant irrigation districts; and S. 1836, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hyroelectric project in the State of Alabama.

SD-366

#### MARCH 23

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-138

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Public Health Subcommittee

To hold hearings on safety net providers.

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Department of Commerce, and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

S-146, Capitol

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs To hold oversight hearings on the Mone-

tary Policy Report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978.

SH-216

# MARCH 28

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Communications Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the current state of deployment of hi-speed Internet technologies, focusing on rural areas.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Children and Families Subcommittee

To hold hearings on child safety on the Internet.

SD-430

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine issues dealing with mind body and alternative medicines.

SD-192

Small Business

To hold hearings to examine the extent of office supply scams, including tonerphoner schemes.

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Transportation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Driver's Privacy Protection Act, focusing on the positive notification requirement.

SD-192

### MARCH 29

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain land held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, to take certain land into trust for that Band.

SR-485

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

10 a m

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Air Force programs.

SD-192

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings on meeting the challenges of the millennium, focusing on proposals to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Federal Government.

SD-342 10 a.m.

# MARCH 30

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-138

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-124

**Energy and Natural Resources** 

To hold hearings on S. 882, to strengthen provisions in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the Federal Nonnuclear Energy Research and Development Act of 1974 with respect to potential Climate

Change; and S. 1776, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to revise the energy policies of the United States in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, advance global climate science, promote technology development, and increase citizen awareness.

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions To hold hearings on medical records pri-

SD-430

### APRIL 4

9:30 a m

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of the Special Trustee, Department of the In-

### APRIL 5

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 612, to provide for periodic Indian needs assessments, to require Federal Indian program evaluations.

SR-485

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Appropriations Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Army programs.

SD-192

# APRIL 6

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SD-138

### APRIL 8

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on medical programs.

SD-192

# APRIL 11

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Energy.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings on S. 282, to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978; S. 516, to benefit consumers

by promoting competition in the electric power industry; S. 1047, to provide for a more competitive electric power industry; S. 1284, to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier; S. 1273, to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets; S. 1369, to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service. and energy conservation and efficiency; S. 2071, to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; and S. 2098, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability.

SH-216

### APRIL 12

9:30 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups, and will be followed by a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

SR-485

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Community Development Financial Institutions, and Chemical Safety Board.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on missile defense programs.

SD-192

# APRIL 13

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

SD-138

# APRIL 26

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense.

SD-192

SEPTEMBER 26

POSTPONEMENTS

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion.

345 Cannon Building

MARCH 15

9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on the proposed Indian Health

Care Improvement Act.

CD 495

APRIL 19

9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by hearings on S. 611, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups

SR-485